

# Cornerstone Report from Washington

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## House and Senate introduce FY 2018 omnibus spending bill

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees released the text of the FY 2018 omnibus appropriations bill.

The Omnibus bill includes funding for NIFA, including \$887,171,000 in funding for Research and Education Activities, \$483,626,000 for Extension Activities, and \$37,000,000 for Integrated Activities, a \$37.653 million, \$6.235 million, and \$1 million increase over FY 2017 respectively. In total, funding levels increased by \$44.888 million compared to last year. Of the increases provided for NIFA, 55% are for BAC priorities. As shown in the table below, all BAA NIFA priorities increased or remained the same.

These results could not have been accomplished without your hard work. We urge everyone reading this report to contact your Representative and Senators and let them know how grateful your institution is for these results.

### Land-Grant NIFA Priorities (\$Millions)

Priority	FY 17 Enacted	FY 18 Final	Difference	APLU Ask
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	300.000	300.000	0.000	358.396
Hatch-Act	243.701	243.701	0.000	291.138
Evans-Allen (1890s Research)	54.185	54.185	0.000	64.732
1890 Institutions Extension	45.620	45.620	0.000	54.500
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	33.961	33.961	0.000	40.572
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	375.000	400.000	25.000	418.129
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,058.714</b>	<b>1,077.467</b>		1227.467

Below are additional items of importance we note for your attention:

The bill includes \$5 million for a pilot program to provide NIFA grants to nonprofit organizations for programs and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

The bill sets an indirect cost recovery rate of 30% for NIFA competitive grants and maintains the prohibition on indirect cost recovery for extension implementation program area grants.

# National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2018

(All \$Millions)

<b>Research and Education Activities</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>Final</b>	
Hatch Act	243.701	243.701	0.000
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act	33.961	33.961	0.000
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen Program)	54.185	54.185	0.000
Payments to 1994 Institutions (tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program)	3.439	3.439	0.000
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions	19.336	19.336	0.000
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.219	0.000
Education Grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions	3.194	3.194	0.000
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	1.801	3.801	2.000
Capacity Building Grants for Non- Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	5.000	5.000	0.000
Grants for Insular Areas	2.000	2.000	0.000
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	375.000	400.000	25.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	6.500	8.000	1.500
Veterinary Services Grant Program	2.500	2.500	0.000
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	4.000	0.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.825	0.000
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship and Institution Challenge Grants	9.000	9.000	0.000
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education	0.900	0.900	0.000
Aquaculture Centers	4.000	5.000	1.000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	27.000	35.000	8.000
Farm Business Management	1.450	2.000	0.550
Sun Grant Program	3.000	3.000	0.000
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	2.250	2.250	0.000
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.913	0.000
Special Research Grants			
Global Change/UV Monitoring	1.405	1.405	0.000
Potato Research	2.250	2.500	0.250
Aquaculture Research	1.350	1.350	0.000
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education Activities			
Grants Management Systems	7.830	7.830	0.000
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses	6.549	11.862	5.313
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>849.518</b>	<b>887.171</b>	<b>37.653</b>
<b>Extension Activities</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>Final</b>	
Smith-Lever Act, Sections 3(b) and (c) programs and Cooperative Extension	300.000	300.000	0.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	45.620	45.620	0.000
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	4.446	6.446	2.000
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	19.730	0.000

Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.060	4.060	0.000
Rural Health and Safety Education Programs	3.000	3.000	0.000
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.250	2.500	1.250
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	0.400	0.400	0.000
Food Safety Outreach Program	5.000	7.000	2.000
Food & Ag Service Learning	0.000	1.000	1.000
Smith-Lever Act, Section 3(d) programs:			
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	67.934	0.000
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	4.610	0.000
New Technologies for Agriculture Extension	1.550	1.550	0.000
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	8.395	8.395	0.000
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	3.039	0.000
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities:			
Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom	0.5520	0.552	0.000
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses for Ext. Activities	7.805	7.790	-0.015
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>477.391</b>	<b>483.626</b>	<b>6.235</b>
<b>Integrated Activities</b>	<b>FY 2017 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2018 Final</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>Final</b>	
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	2.000	0.000
Organic Transition Program	4.000	5.000	1.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	2.000	2.000	0.000
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	8.000	8.000	0.000
Crop Protection / Pest Management Program	20.000	20.000	0.000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>36.000</b>	<b>37.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Total NIFA</b>	<b>FY 2017 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2018 Final</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>Final</b>	
	<b>1362.909</b>	<b>1407.797</b>	<b>44.888</b>

### Next Steps

The House and Senate are expected to pass, and the President to sign, the FY 2018 funding bill by this Friday night.

**THE CORNERSTONE TEAM**